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STANDARD OIL COMPANY FOUND GUILTY CRUSHING OUT SMALLER COMPETITORS

After Sixty eight Hours of Deliberation, Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty--The Rockefeller Aggregation Resort to Every Conceivable Loophole to Avert Paying Enormous Fines

(Scripps News Association)

Findlay, Ohio, Oct. 19.—The jury which has been hearing the Standard Oil trial here this week returned a verdict of guilty this morning at 4:55, after being out since 8 p. m. Oct. 17.

The charge to which the Standard Oil Company was found guilty, was that of conspiracy to restrain trade in the state of Ohio. For days, Prosecuting Attorney Davis has labored to introduce evidence with which to convict the oil monster. Much stratagem was resorted to by him. One skillful turn he made was when he introduced as evidence, a deposition taken in 1898 of the testimony made by John D. Rockefeller at that time. The court

was held up for several hours awaiting the court's decision to the objection. The final ruling was that the evidence should be taken as it showed that trust existed at that time.

Attorney Troupe for the Standard announced today that a motion for a new trial would be made immediately. Prosecutor Davis is silent. The fine for the crime of which the company was convicted per verdict of the jury, is from five to fifty thousand dollars. However no sentence will be passed until the arguments for a new trial have been heard. The general feeling here is that the case will be carried thru the supreme court.

All the Standard's attorneys had left the city, thinking surely the jury would disagree after being out over twenty-four hours. All day Thursday, the jury stood ten to two in favor of conviction. Late last night the minority went over and the Standard Oil Company stands today, convicted of restraining trade and crushing out small competitors.

A motion for a new trial will probably be made next Monday but will not be heard for a week or ten days. If the motion is over-ruled, the defense will have forty days in which to file a bill of exceptions.

John D. Rockefeller arrived unexpectedly this morning and was driven to his home on Forest Hill immediately. It is supposed that his arrival is a result of the Standard Oil case at Findlay.

THE RAHA PALM

(Scripps News Association)
London, Oct. 19.—Mr. Wm. H. Hunt, the American Consul at Tamatave, Madagascar announces that he has made an important discovery in the leaves of the rafia plant. He states that he has found a substance which by its chemical and physical properties, may be classed between wax and gum and bids fair to become a valuable commodity in that country. The process of extracting the wax is very simple. The natives gather the rafia fibre and the leaves, which are thrown aside in quantities, are beaten on a dry mat or cloth. The pellicles and white powder which fall from them are gathered and boiled and wax thus forms. Owing to its consistency it can be used for various purposes such as gramophone cylinders etc.

LEPER DIES

(Scripps News Association)
Pincken, Va., Oct. 19.—Geo. Haschid, a Russian leper, who has been buffeted about the country and spurned by all communities as well as those generally charitably inclined, died this morning of heart disease.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Oct. 19.—Wheat opened at 74½, closed at 74½; corn opened at 42½, closed at 42½; oats opened at 33½, closed 33½.

LAFAYETTE MONUMENT DEDICATED

(Scripps News Association)
Paris, Oct. 19.—Today being the anniversary of the surrender and fall of Yorktown the monument to Lafayette erected in Paris was dedicated, being attended by a large number of Americans resident here. The monument was subscribed for and presented by the Lafayette memorial Commission of which Robert J. Thompson of Chicago is secretary and a special foundry was built for it in Providence, R. I., where it was cast in bronze. The preliminary dedication took place in Paris, July 4, 1900, at which time the monument was erected in temporary form but it became so weather beaten and presented so unattractive an appearance that no little criticism has been evoked in the United States about it.

MURPHY WILL TELL IT

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Oct. 18.—The Grand Jury will today listen to Murphy tell of the blackmailing charges made yesterday against the Hearst league leaders. Yesterday afternoon Murphy made the public statement that the leaders in the Hearst League were holding congressional senatorial and judicial candidates up for money if they would be endorsed by the league. Little faith was placed on the statement then but as this morning it was announced that the matter would go before the grand jury the leaders are exceedingly scared. Hearst promised, at the time of the statement, that all guilty parties, if there were any, would be punished. When Murphy gets thru with his recital before the grand jury and that body has investigated, there will likely be a general thrashing of the independence league leaders.

WARSHIPS IN DANGER

(Scripps News Association)
Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 19.—It is feared that the warships which started from Havana for the United States were caught in the storm. The Wireless telegraph station here has been trying to get word from Havana, but so far has been unable to get a connection.

MANY ARE BURNED TO DEATH

(Scripps News Association)
Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 19.—As a result of a fire in a cheap lodging house this morning twelve persons are dead and a score injured. The house was closely packed at the time of the fire and as soon as the alarm was sounded a panic ensued and several were trampled to death. Others were cremated in their rooms. Besides the dead who have been found two guests are still missing. The building was a frame structure and as soon as the fire started it spread as if the entire place had been a tinder box.

BANK OF ENGLAND RAISES RATE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Oct. 19.—The Bank of England has raised its rate to six percent. This is the highest percent that the popular rate has reached since 1899, and was brought about by the demand for gold from Egypt and the United States.

Financiers say there is no reason of apprehension to account for the raise in rate by the bank of England. They say the situation throughout the world is good and the raise may be only temporary.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

(Scripps News Association)
Altona, Penn., Oct. 19.—The Missler theatre, the Elk's new home and the Oliver Brothers' furniture store were destroyed this morning by fire. Loss, a half million. The land lady thinks the origin was of incendiary nature. Seven people are missing.

TRADE SCHOOL FOR GEORGIA

(Scripps News Association)
Columbus, Georgia, Oct. 19.—The Secondary Industrial School founded by the merchants of Columbia led by G. Gundy Jordan, president of the Eagle and Cotton Mills which is rapidly approaching completion makes a distinct departure in the field of education. The schools will be devoted entirely to the study of cotton mill machinery, and all matters in connection with the cotton industry and it is expected that pupils after a few years training will take places in the breaker room, card room, spinning room and dye house and receive wages higher than what their fathers are now drawing. On the 1st of January when the child labor legislation comes into force in this state, children under fourteen years cannot be employed in cotton mills but now the new school will be opened and an immense amount of good done in the district.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES \$40,000

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Oct. 19.—On June 10th last John D. Rockefeller promised \$40,000 to the Judson Memorial Church in Washington Square on condition that the congregation raised \$55,000 more the combined sums being for the extinguishing of the church debt. The offer was valid until today when the Rev. Dr. E. Judson, the pastor, announced that the \$55,000 had been collected mostly amongst the rich baptists in New York, the congregation of the church having few wealthy people in its number.

ALLEGED MURDERER IS IN JAIL

Baker City, Oct. 19.—Charged with the murder of Willard Moody, the foulest crime in the history of Baker county, Alex. Widdowson, the Pine valley saloon keeper was brought in to Baker last evening by Sheriff Rand, and now rests in the county jail awaiting trial. The sheriff had no trouble in bringing his man to Baker, Widdowson having been a good prisoner on the way in.

Sheriff Rand this morning stated that Widdowson was not arrested because it was believed he knew who did kill Willard Moody, but upon a charge of the actual commission of the crime.

"I do not care to discuss the evidence against the man," continued the sheriff. "In fact, altho there were many in the valley who wanted to discuss it with me, as there always are, I did not talk much about it there and really know but little about the evidence against the man. I did not have time to make a thorough investigation."

After the commission of the crime the sheriff went over to Pine valley and secured assistants who have been working on the case ever since. There were mostly Pine valley people, altho there were others concerned in the hunt for the murderer, and the men on the ground ran down every possible clue that pointed to a chance of fixing the guilt upon anybody.

The fact that Widdowson was arrested as Mr. Rand's answer implies before his case was investigated as thoroughly as the clue pointing to others, and the fact that as the sheriff stated the saloon man seems to realize that he is up against it, are taken to point to the discovery of exceedingly strong evidence to warrant the arrest.

The residents of Pine valley are terrified. Fears engendered from old cattle stealing affairs, and later quarrels have engendered a feeling until many of the inhabitants of the valley are afraid to go out at night. They were afraid even to be seen talking to the attorneys who were known to be connected with the affair, and not even the Moody's know some of the sources of the evidence which warranted the arrest of Widdowson. Everywhere the attorneys were followed by the curious and their every movement watched. One does not realize the situation unless he is in the valley.

Both Henry Moody and his father refuse to discuss the affair declaring it is in the hands of the attorneys they have employed and it is understood that they will be retained by the Moody's to fight the case to the end in assisting the district attorney.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION MARKS PATH OF CYCLONE

(Scripps News Association)

Havana, Oct. 19.—As a result of the worst cyclone in the history of this city, one hundred persons are killed and it is known that hundreds of others are injured. Yesterday was one long to be remembered in this city. The storm swept the entire island but was especially ferocious over this city. The United States cruiser Brooklyn, was torn from its moorings in the Havana harbor and is thot to be hard aground after suffering at least a thousand dollars damage. Other vessels of the fleet are reported seriously damaged. The heavy loss of life was in the Columbia camp which was practically wiped out. Every tent, which housed members of the crew has been leveled to the ground and torn to shreds.

Some of the poorer sections in the outlying districts have been swept clean of the shanties which served as homes for the natives. There mere shacks were like toys for the eighty mile wind. The only estimate that has been made of the dead is from the city as the interior wires are down and will not likely be repaired for two days. The city is a wild scene of excitement, which is not lessened by the unauthentic reports coming by messengers from the interior.

When the storm struck the harbor, a dozen small vessels were torn from their moorings and many ships that were never docked in Havana have been dashed against the rocks. But for the fact that the storm gave a half hour's warning, thus permitting the sailors to prepare for it, the damage would have been much greater.

One American soldier is fatally injured, but the fatalities are generally among the inland natives. However, a few Americans are among the score of foreigners

HINDOOS ARE STARVING

(Scripps News Association)
Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 19.—Owing to misrepresentation of the labor condition in this city, nearly two thousand Hindoos arrived here the last few months and will now become charges on the city. They travel about in crowds and invariably are in a starving condition. The government refuses to interfere. The mayor is defying the laws of Canada and the regulations of the Canadian Pacific railroad by carefully guarding every wharf both day and night, instructing the guards to forbid entrance to immigrants. A public meeting was held at which importation was denounced. There is a sentiment against the foreigners and drastic measures may be adopted as a few thousand more Hindoos are on the way to this port to seize what they have been told, is abundant opportunities for work.

CABINET RESIGNS

(Scripps News Association)
Paris, Oct. 19.—The entire French cabinet resigned today.

BANK CLOSED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Oct. 19.—The Acta Banking & Trust Co. of this city and a branch of the same name located at Bute Mont, today was closed by the Comptroller of currency and Robert Lyon was appointed receiver. The National bank examiner reported that the last report of the bank showed resources and liabilities at \$123,942.

RESISTED ARREST

(Scripps News Association)
Phoenix, Oct. 19.—Jack Purvis is dead and Harry Wilbur and Perry Vincent were desperately wounded as a result of a shooting at Rice station, eighteen miles from Globe. Purvis was accused of stealing mules from a mining camp near Globe. The sheriff had arrested him and Wilbur boarded the train to identify him when Purvis began shooting.

H. E. Bartholomew, of Pendleton is a La Grande visitor today.

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